

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Following last votes, the House is expected to debate H.J.Res. 66 under suspension of the Rules.

H.Res. 357 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2553 – Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV (Rep. Mica - Transportation and Infrastructure) (One hour of debate) The Rules committee has recommended another closed Rule that provides one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Rule makes in order no amendments and allows one motion to recommit. It also waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The Rules committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter to consider the legislation under an open Rule.

H.R. 2553 – Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV (Rep. Mica - Transportation and Infrastructure/Science and Technology/Ways and Means) H.R. 2553 would extend Federal Aviation Administration programs which expire this Friday through September 16th. This legislation is not a simple extension, as it contains revisions to the Essential Air Services (EAS) program which would restrict certain smaller airports from receiving federal money based on how far the airports are from larger, ‘hub’ airports, and also how much of a subsidy they receive from the federal government. This policy rider was dropped into the bill, despite the fact that it has been over 100 days since the Senate appointed conferees to the multi-year FAA reauthorization measure while the House has taken no action.

This will be the 21st extension to the Federal Aviation Administration programs since it was last reauthorized, but the first extension that contains a substantive change to the program. Republicans are trying to jam this change through both Houses of Congress at the last minute, without any hearing and without agreeing to a conference with the Senate on the overall bill.

Bill Text for H.R. 2553:

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Background for H.R. 2553:

[CRS Report](#) - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization: An Overview of Legislative Action in the 112th Congress

Suspension (1 bill)

1. **H.J.Res. 66** - Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Rep. Crowley – Ways and Means)

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, July 21: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 1315](#) - Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act of 2011, as amended (Rep. Duffy– Financial Services) (Subject to a Rule). The House is also expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 2551](#) - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012 (Rep. Crenshaw - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).



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"A clear majority of the American public now believes a failure by Congress to raise the nation's statutory debt ceiling would be a real and serious problem, dismissing arguments by some Republicans that the coming debt ceiling deadline is no big deal, a new Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll shows... Now 55% say that failing to raise the debt ceiling would be a real and serious problem while only 18% do not believe that. A quarter of the public still say they don't know enough about the issue to make a decision. Republicans who continue to maintain that the government can avoid defaulting on its debts even with no increase to the borrowing limit might be listening to their core tea-party supporters. Of voters who identify themselves as tea-party supporters, one-third say failing to lift the ceiling would present no significant problems. But even in this group, a plurality, 47%, say it would be a serious issue."

- The Wall Street Journal, 7/19/11